Raiders extend winning streak with two victories

The Raider varsity basketball team extended its winning streak to three games last week, with a 72-47 win against Jefferson Forest Tuesday night, and a 51-37 victory against Nelson County Friday.

Tuesday's game against Jefferson Forest was close until the fourth quarter, when the Raiders uncorked an offensive attack which racked up 35 points. "It seemed like everything we put up was good," commented Raider Coach Coty Dickerson this week. "Anytime you score 35 points in one quarter, you know you're playing some ball."

The coach noted that the fourth-quarter spree began with a slam dunk by Mike Jackson. "Mike, Ricky Miller and Bobby Carter all did a good job for us inside and on the boards," Dickerson said, "and Todd (Scruggs) did a good job off the bench," he added.

Tyrone Abbitt was the leading scorer for Appomattox, with 15 points total. Three other Raiders scored in double figure against Jefferson Forest: Mike Jackson (14 points), Bobby Carter (11 points), and Ricky Miller (11 points).

Other scoring for Appomattox were Gary Ferguson (eight points), Todd Scruggs (four points), John Hurt (three points), and Kinckle Robinson, Tom Cobb and Freddy Lawson, who each scored two points for Appomattox.

Friday's 51-18 victory against Nelson County saw the Raiders assume a lead in the second quarter which they never relinquished.

Jackson, Carter and Miller, with 14, 12 and 11 points, respectively, scored in double figures for the Raiders. Tyrone Abbitt, in his first game as a starter, scored eight for Appomattox, and Gary Ferguson and Todd Scruggs also contributed to the offensive total, with four and two points, respectively.

"We played well as a team in both games," Dickerson said. "The offense ran well. The kids picked their shots well, and they were unselfish: they gave the ball up when they had to."

Dickerson noted that Gary Ferguson had 15 assists in the two games, and "Tyrone Abbitt had a big game against Forest, and did a good job starting against Nelson."

Noting that the Raiders have a 3-1 district record, Dickerson said "we have to build on things from here. We have to take each practice as it comes, prepare for one opponent at a time."

The Raiders are idle this week. Their next game will be Dec. 28 against Amherst at Amherst.

"We don't play again until after Christmas," the coach added, "And on behalf of the team, I'd like to wish our fans and everyone in the county a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Following the holiday break, the Raiders will travel to Brookville Jan. 6, and the following week, Appomattox will take on Altavista and Liberty.

Smith making mark at UNC - G

Ruby Smith, a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is making her mark at the university as a standout girls' basketball player.

Ruby, an Appomattox County native, is averaging nine points a game, has a 47 percent field goal average and a 45 percent free throw average.

She has the second highest number of assists on the team – 35, or five per game.

The University of North Carolina - Greensboro has compiled a 5-2 record thus far this season, with wins over Guilford, Greensboro, Methodist, Averette, and William and Mary.

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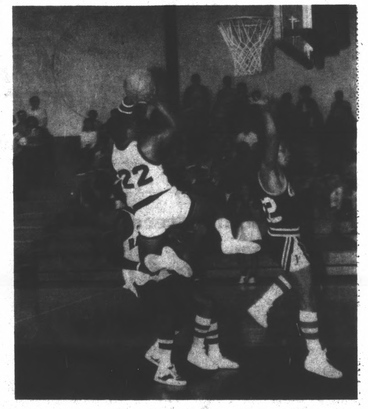

RAIDER GUARD GARY FERGUSON sails through the air enroute to two points in last Tuesday night's 72-47 Appomattox varsity basketball win against Jefferson Forest. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

A BANQUET HONORING the 1983 Dixie Youth Pre-Majors all-star team from Appomattox County was held last Wednesday at the ACHS cafeteria. Coaches Bob Hudson and Jimmy Bollinger (second and third from left) are shown here receiving gifts from team members Paul Johnson, Mike Jackson, Tom Cobb and Tim Austin. (Photo by Allen Austin)

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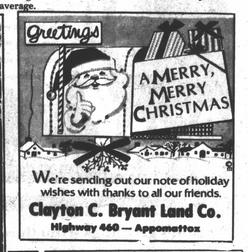

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Willis design wins

The Appomattox County High School Forensics Club sponsored a school-wide spelling contest which was concluded in October. When the plaque for the first-place winner was being prepared, a Forensics symbol was not available.

Wendy Richardson, art instructor at Appomattox County High School, invited interested students to design a special symbol. Roger Willis was awarded $10.00 for his creativity, and included in the design was an open book flanked by a torch, surrounded by laurel leaves.

The combined efforts of Jesse Morgan, who made the wooden plaque, Wendy Richardson, and Roger Willis, resulted in a handsome award for Tiffany Royal, who was the winner of the Forensics contest.

Vivian Seay wins award

Vivian R. Seay of Appomattox has been named a 1984 United States National Award winner in the band category, according to a release from the United States Achievement Academy.

Vivian was nominated for the award by R. Frank Coffey, director of the ACHS band. Fewer than 10 percent all American High School students are recognized by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

In addition to the award, Vivian will be honored when her biography and photograph appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook, which is published national ly.

Vivian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Seay. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Slagle of Appomattox, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seay of Buckingham.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL principal Don Armentrout congratulates Roger Willis, a student at the school who designed a forensics symbol for a contest-award plaque. Willis is shown holding the plaque. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

DON ARMENTROUT (left), principal of Appomattox County High School, congratulates (from left) Brett Marston, Darrell Conner and Janet Smith, winners in the recent oratorical contest sponsored by the Appomattox American Legion Post 104. Marston, the first-place winner, received $100 and an American flag. Smith, the second-place winner, won $50 and an American flag. Conner, the third-place winner, won $25 and an American flag. Judges for the event were Mike Weiss, Mrs. Ocie Mack and Mrs. Ruby Moses. Contest chairmen were Ivy Holland and Linda Archer. The purpose of the contest is to develop a deeper knowledge of and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution, and to develop leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and to prepare for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship. Marston, as winner of the local competition, will compete in regional competition, and could proceed to the national competition, where scholarships worth up to $16,000 will be offered as awards. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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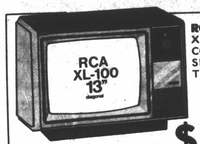

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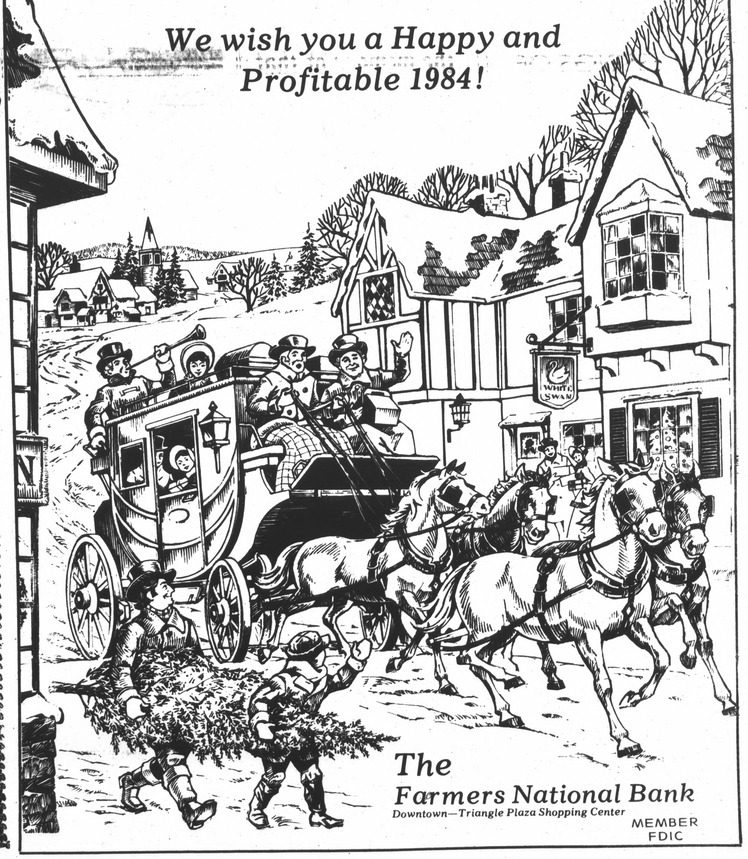

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